

H.R. 3615, to amend the Rural Electrification Act of 1936 to ensure improved access to the signals of local television stations by multichannel video providers to all households which desire such service in unserved and underserved rural areas by December 31, 2006, amended (H. Rept. 106–508 part 1).

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Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative LaHood to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Senior Citizens' Freedom to Work Act: The House passed H.R. 5, to amend title II of the Social Security Act to eliminate the earnings test for individuals who have attained retirement age by a yea and nay vote of 422 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 27.

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Earlier, agreed by unanimous consent to consider the bill in the House and that the amendment recommended by the Committee on Ways and Means now printed in the bill be considered as adopted.

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Iran Nonproliferation Act: The House agreed to the Senate amendments to H.R. 1883, to provide for the application of measures to foreign persons who transfer to Iran certain goods, services, or technology by a yea and nay vote of 420 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 28—clearing the measure for the President.

Pages H603–09

Earlier, agreed by unanimous consent to take from the Speaker's table H.R. 1883 with Senate amendments thereto and to consider in the House a motion to concur in the amendments.

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Legislative Program: Representative Cox announced the legislative program for the week of March 6.

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Consideration of Suspensions: The House agreed to H. Res. 425, providing for consideration of motions to suspend the rules on Wednesday, March 8, 2000.

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Meeting Hour Monday, March 6: Agreed that when the House adjourns on Thursday, March 2, 2000, it adjourn to meet at 2 p.m. on Monday, March 6.

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Meeting Hour Wednesday, March 8: Agreed that when the House adjourns on Monday, March 6, 2000, it adjourn to meet at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, March 8.

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Calendar Wednesday: Agreed to dispense with the Calendar Wednesday business on Wednesday, March 8.

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Quorum Calls Votes: Two yea and nay votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and

appear on pages H603 and H608–09. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 5:03 p.m.

Committee Meetings

AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FDA, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, held a hearing on Food, Nutrition and Consumer Services. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the USDA: Shirley R. Watkins, Under Secretary; and Rajen Anand, Executive Director, Center for Nutrition Policy and Promotion.

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, STATE, AND JUDICIARY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary, on the Secretary of State, and the Secretary of Commerce. Testimony was heard from Madeline K. Albright, Secretary of State; and William M. Daley, Secretary of Commerce.

DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense held a hearing on Fiscal Year 2001 Department of Defense Budget Overview. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: William S. Cohen, Secretary; and Gen. Henry Shelton, USA, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff.

INTERIOR APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior held a hearing on the Bureau of Land Management. Testimony was heard from Thomas A. Fry, Director, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior.

LABOR-HHS-EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education held a hearing on the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Disease, the Fogarty International Center, the Human Genome Research Institute, and the National Eye Institute. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the NIH, Department of Health and Human Services: Anthony S. Fauci, M.D., Director, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases; Gerald T. Keusch, M.D., Director, Fogarty International Center; Francis Collins, M.D.,

Director, National Human Genome Research Institute; and Karl Kupfer, M.D., Director, National Eye Institute.

TRANSPORTATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation held a hearing on the Coast Guard. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Transportation: Adm. James Loy, USCG, Commandant, U.S. Coast Guard; and Kenneth M. Mead, Inspector General.

VA, HUD AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies held a hearing on the Council on Environmental Quality, and Cemetery Expenses of the Army. Testimony was heard from George Frampton, Acting Chairman, Council on Environmental Quality; and Joe Westphal, Assistant Secretary, Civil Works, Department of the Army, Department of Defense.

REAL PROPERTY MAINTENANCE AND INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Military Readiness held a hearing on Real Property Maintenance and Infrastructure funding. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the GAO: Neal P. Curtin, Associate Director; and Brenda S. Farrell, Assistant Director; and the following officials of the Department of Defense: Randall A. Yim, Deputy Under Secretary (Installations); Maj. Gen. Robert L. Van Antwerp, Jr., USA, Deputy Chief of Staff, Installations and Housing, Department of the Army; Rear Adm. Louis M. Smith, USN, Commander, Naval Facilities Engineering Command and Chief of Navy Civil Engineers, and Maj. Gen. Harold Mashburn, Jr., USMC, Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff, Installations and Logistics, U.S. Marine Corps, both with the Department of the Navy; and Maj. Gen. Earnest O. Robbins II, USAF, Civil Engineer, Department of the Air Force.

DEFENSEWIDE-RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Military Research and Development held a hearing on defensewide research and development programs. Testimony was heard from Jacques S. Gansler, Under Secretary, Acquisition and Technology, Department of Defense.

DECIMAL CONVERSION 2000: ARE THE MARKETS READY

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Finance and Hazardous Materials held a hearing on Decimal Con-

version 2000: Are the Markets Ready? Testimony was heard from Davi M. D'Agostino, Acting Associate Director, Financial Institutions and Markets Issues, GAO.

NATIONAL PRACTITIONER DATA BANK—PUBLIC ACCESS

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on Public Access to the National Practitioner Data Bank: What Consumers Should Know About Their Doctors. Testimony was heard from Senator Wyden; Claude Fox, Acting Administrator, Health Resources and Services Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; Nancy Achin Sullivan, Executive Director, Board of Registration in Medicine, State of Massachusetts; Wayne Olsten, Director, Division of Health Care Standards and Surveillance, Department of Health, State of New York; and public witnesses.

AMERICA'S SCHOOLS—CHARACTER EDUCATION ROLE

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Youth, and Families held a hearing on Building a Nation: The Role of Character Education in America's Schools. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT—FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on Financial Management at the Department of Education. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Education: Frank Holleman, Deputy Secretary; and Lorraine Lewis, Inspector General; Gloria Jarmon, Director, Health, Education, and Human Services, Accounting and Financial Management Issues, GAO; and a public witness.

“ROLE OF YAH LIN ‘CHARLIE’ TRIE IN ILLEGAL POLITICAL FUNDRAISING”

Committee on Government Reform: Held a hearing on “The Role of Yah Lin ‘Charlie’ Trie in Illegal Political Fundraising.” Testimony was heard from Yah Lin ‘Charlie’ Trie.

OPEC—U.S. POLICY TOWARD

Committee on International Relations: Held a hearing on U.S. Policy Toward OPEC. Testimony was heard from Bill Richardson, Secretary of Energy.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES; BUDGET VIEWS AND ESTIMATES

Committee on the Judiciary: Ordered reported H.R. 1443, Traffic Stops Statistics Study Act of 1999.

The Committee began mark up of H.R. 2372, Private Property Rights Implementation Act of 1999.

The Committee also approved Committee Budget Views and Estimates for Fiscal Year 2001 for submission to the Committee on the Budget.

VISA WAIVER PERMANENT PROGRAM ACT; PRIVATE BILLS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration and Claims approved for full Committee action the Visa Waiver Permanent Program Act.

The Subcommittee also approved for full Committee action private bills.

COMMON SENSE PROTECTIONS FOR ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT

Committee on Resources: Held a hearing on H.R. 3160, Common Sense Protections for Endangered Species Act. Testimony was heard from Marc Racicot, Governor, State of Montana; Jamie Clark, Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior; and Penelope D. Dalton, Director, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce.

ENERGY DEPARTMENT—BUDGET AUTHORIZATION REQUEST

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Energy and Environment held a hearing on Fiscal Year 2001 Budget Authorization Request: Department of Energy, Offices of Science; Environment, Safety and Health; and Environmental Management. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Energy: James F. Decker, Acting Director, Office of Science; Dan M. Berkovitz, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Policy, Planning, and Budget, Office of Environmental Management; and David M. Michaels, Assistant Secretary, Environment, Safety and Health.

FAA BUDGET REVIEW

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Technology held a hearing on FAA Research and Development Fiscal Year 2001 Budget Review. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Transportation: Steven Zaidman, Associate Administrator, Research and Acquisitions, FAA; and Alexis M. Stefani, Assistant Inspector General, Auditing; and public witnesses.

SBA REAUTHORIZATION AND BUDGET REQUEST

Committee on Small Business: Held a hearing on Small Business Administration Reauthorization and Fiscal Year 2001 Budget Request. Testimony was heard from Aida Alvarez, Administrator, SBA; and public witnesses.

FAA'S BUDGET REQUEST AND FUNDING NEEDS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Aviation concluded hearings on the FAA's Budget request and funding needs. Testimony was heard from Jane F. Garvey, Administrator, FAA, Department of Transportation; and public witnesses.

EVERGLADES AND SOUTH FLORIDA ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment held a hearing on restoration of the Everglades and South Florida Ecosystem. Testimony was heard from Representatives Meek of Florida, Deutsch and Foley, Joseph W. Westphal, Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), Corps of Engineers, Department of the Army; Mary E. Doyle, Counselor to the Secretary, Department of the Interior; David B. Struhs, Secretary, Department of Environmental Protection, State of Florida; and public witnesses.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS; FBI

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to consider pending business.

The Committee also met in executive session to hold a hearing on the FBI. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

Joint Meetings

DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS

Joint Meeting: Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs concluded joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs on the legislative recommendations of the Disabled American Veterans, after receiving testimony from Michael E. Dobmeier, Disabled American Veterans, Washington, D.C.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 2, 2000

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 10 a.m., SR-328A.

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2001 for the Department of State, 10 a.m., SD-192.

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Personnel, to hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2001 for the Department of Defense and the Future Years Defense Program, focusing on the Defense Health Program, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.